

BRIDGEVILLE/GREENWOOD TRANSPORTATION PLANS KICKOFF MEETING

MEETING NOTES

4:00 – 5:00 PM, November 2, 2022
Greenwood VFW (301 Mill Street, Greenwood, DE 19950) / Zoom

Attendees

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*participated via Zoom

Action Items

- Project team will schedule next advisory committee meeting, tentatively for Thur., Dec. 8, 4pm
- Project team will pursue additional stakeholders in coordination with Advisory Committee:
 - Kiwanis – Bridgeville, Heritage Shores, Greenwood Mennonite School, farmer from east side of town, Woodbridge School District transportation official

Meeting Summary

- Introductions
 - Project Team introduced themselves, and the stakeholders gave a brief introduction and shared where they lived, worked, and how they were involved in the Bridgeville/Greenwood area
- Overview
 - Purpose: Update local transportation plans for the Bridgeville and Greenwood area, by understanding how things are today, what the desired future looks like, and how do we get there?
 - Planning with a 20-ish year time horizon
 - Process
 - Committee Kickoff Meeting – Nov 2022
 - Existing Conditions Summary – Winter 2023
 - Plan and Strategy Development – Spring 2023
 - Monitoring and Implementation – Summer 2023
 - Stakeholder committee roles:
 - Participate actively throughout the process
 - Provide input on existing conditions, concerns, community vision
 - Provide broader views of the community, in addition to individual views
 - Offer suggestions to DelDOT and the towns
 - Build community support toward the process and plan
 - meetings approx. once per month, virtual
 - not a voting body
 - Two Public Workshop style meetings, anticipated winter and spring 2023
- Background and Context
 - Coastal Corridors Study 2019 – present
 - Review of the east-west corridors from Maryland, specifically the Bay Bridge, to the Delaware Beaches
 - Study limits were defined to Maryland/Delaware State line to just west of SR 1, and SR 16/SR 36 to SR 404, including the towns of Ellendale, Georgetown, Bridgeville, Greenwood, and Milton
 - Lots of data was collected throughout the study area
 - Traffic volume counts and classifications at 30+ intersections
 - Crash reports and location data
 - Origin-Destination data to understand where vehicles start and end their trips
 - Roadway conditions and sufficiency assessment
 - Listening tours with elected officials, and public workshops in each of the towns
 - Study is still ongoing, but after the preliminary data collection and analysis, it was determined that the eastern part of the study area had a more immediate need for improvements, and the western part of the study area would benefit from longer-range planning to get ahead of transportation/growth issues
- Bridgeville/Greenwood status and process / open discussion (see bottom)
 - Overall, this planning process is to create a proactive plan that focuses on how transportation elements can support overall community vision in each of the communities and immediate surroundings

- Looking out 20 years—what’s the community vision? What are conditions like today? What are opportunities and challenges? How to get from where we are today to the desired, shared vision for the future?
 - Kickoff of the effort (November 2022)—seeking to fill out the advisory committee with additional stakeholder representatives
 - Existing Conditions and Community Visioning (Winter 2023)—the project team is gathering relevant information from recent studies and plans and then confirm the findings with the community. Starting the review of existing conditions and data collected during the Coastal Corridors
 - Develop plan and strategies (Spring 2023)—once the existing conditions and community vision are established, the effort will focus on developing strategies for achieving the vision and preparing the plan document (consider using to insert into the next Comp Plan update as the transportation section).
 - Implementation and monitoring will be important once this planning process winds down. It will be important for stakeholders to understand the process for submitting project ideas and getting them funded
- Next Steps
 - Finish gathering existing conditions and documents/references
 - Plan to review at next Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting
 - Then focus on confirming stakeholder and community goals and visions
 - Collaborate with town managers to put planning info on the web
- Open discussion
 - Project team asked stakeholders about their concerns, visions, goals, and ideas for the area, with emphasis on thinking big (20 year time horizon)
 - Education about farm equipment would be beneficial – similar to how DelDOT has pushed some campaigns for motorcycle safety
 - Farm equipment lanes so vehicles can safely pass
 - Farming equipment is out from April to November
 - Sometimes must travel through town (consider ways to coordinate routes to avoid causing delay or safety concerns)
 - Failing infrastructure
 - Power goes out frequently
 - Wi-fi strength is poor
 - Side road conditions are deteriorating
 - Streets are very narrow
 - Some buildings are very close to the roadways
 - Older population is high in this area, as are school aged kids and there are no crosswalks or ramps in town (Greenwood)
 - Pedestrian accommodations and crossings (e.g. Market Street near Amity Café an area with need)
 - Traffic routing concerns (esp. trucks)--Is there a way to pursue routing with Google and/or Waze?
 - Would like to see the landscape “stay open” and preserve the farmland and open space
 - Safety concerns at the SR 36 and SR 16 split – needs attention
 - Lot of vehicles using Adams Road to go around traffic on US 13 or SR 36
 - Exit from Heritage Shores to US 13 is dangerous, challenging. There are plans for this area of 13 around the final phase of the Heritage Shores development.